

**REMARKS**

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on January 10, 2006 as well as the art cited. Claims 1, 13, 22, 27 and 28 have been amended. Claims 1-31 are pending in this application.

**Teleconference With Examiner**

Applicant thanks Examiner Matthew Kasztejna for the teleconference on January 22, 2007. The Applicant discussed with the Examiner the differences between the Applicants blade and the art of record. The discussions focused on the relatively straight portion of the main blade and how that was described in relation to other elements in the claims. The Examiner indicated that the claims would be allowed if that portion was better described. The Applicant subsequently provided proposed amendments to the Examiner. The Examiner indicated that language relating to a relatively straight portion extending generally a right angle from the blade base or handle along with the other elements would distinguish the claims from the art. Applicant has amended the claims accordingly to further the prosecution.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-31 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,623,425 (Cartledge et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,095,972 to Sakamoto.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 13, 22, 27 and 28 pursuant to the Examiner's request to further distinguish elements relating to the position of the relative straight portion of the blade. As such, the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal the rejection of claims 1-31.

Applicant has made the amendments to further the application to issue into a patent. Accordingly, the Applicant retains the right to file a continuation application having claims of the same or similar in scope as originally filed while the current application is pending.

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**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that claims **1-31** are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 502432.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at 612-332-4720.

Respectfully submitted,

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